

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 15, 2024

Making disciples who love Christ, his Word and his Church, through the ordinary means of grace.

Christ Presbyterian Church

Order for the Worship of God

Lord's Day December 15, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares, to all who fail and desire strength, to all who sin and need a Savior, to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness and to whoever will come this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1, 31-32

Minister: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

All: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Joy To The World

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

Prayer of Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end, amen, amen

Affirmation of Faith

John 1:1, 14-18

Minister: What does the Gospel of John teach us about the Word, Jesus Christ who is God?

All: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Psalm 42

As pants the deer for flowing streams
So longs my soul for you, O God
I thirst for God, the living God
When can I go and meet with God?

My constant tears have been my food
Both in the night and in the day
While all day long insistently
“Where is your God?” to me they say

Why are you downcast, O my soul?
Why are you so disturbed in me?
But hope in God, for him I’ll praise
My Savior God alone is he

Deep calls to deep, as with a roar
Your rushing waters plunge and roll
Your waves and breakers fall on me
They overwhelm my very soul

By day the LORD directs his love
His song remains with me at night
A prayer to him who is my God
My only source of life and light

Why are you downcast, O my soul?
Why are you so disturbed in me?
But hope in God, for him I’ll praise
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Call to Confession

Romans 2:1, 4

“Therefore, you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things...Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?”

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Oh Lord our God who is gracious and merciful and abounding in steadfast love and who relents from disaster we confess before you this day our sin. The evidence of sin is all around us. Each day we are reminded that things are not the way they are supposed to be. Creation itself groans because of its subjection to the sinfulness of mankind. We confess that we are sinners not because we sin, but we sin because we are by nature sinners. We know that if you had not been merciful to us by your free and sovereign grace, we could have never freed ourselves from the bondage of sin. If you had not sent your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ to atone for our sins we could have never escaped the penalty of sin. We give you praise this day that we have been saved by grace through faith in Christ alone! Father, forgive us for sins in thought, word and deed and give us hearts of compassion for the lost around us who do not know their right hand from their left. Cause us by your Spirit to walk in the newness of life that has been purchased for us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 5:1-2

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus (2x)

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offerings

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Preaching of God's Word

Rev. Nolan Williamson

"A Child Is Born"

Isaiah 9:1-7

Song of Zechariah

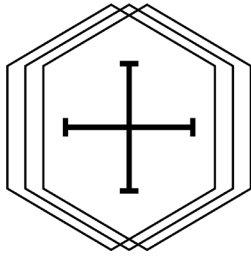
Blest be God, the Lord of Israel
He has come to set us free!
And a horn of full salvation
He has raised from David's seed
God has visited his people
To redeem them as foretold
In the promise he had spoken
Thro' his prophets from of old

God has come in might to save us
From the hatred of our foes
From their cruel hand he frees us
And his tender mercy shows
Mercy promised in his cov'nant
To our fathers whom he chose
He will keep his oath to Abr'am
To release us from our woes

God has sworn to grant deliv'rance
And restore us to our place
Serving boldly in his presence
Just and holy all our days
You, my child, will be his Prophet
Called and sent by God Most High
You must go before the Lord now
To prepare his ways aright

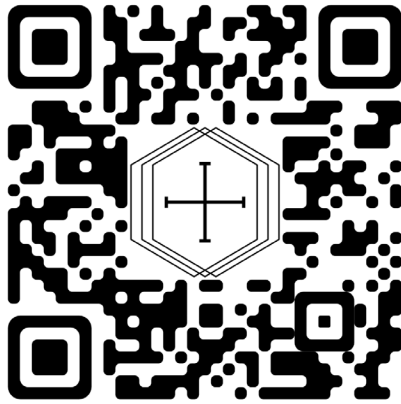
Bring the knowledge of salvation
To God's people in their sin
Preach that God is tenderhearted
And by him are sins forgiv'n
His great mercy, like the sunrise
Brightly shines in deepest night
Guiding those who sit in darkness
To the way of peace and light

Benediction



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